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SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: In the Retirement Committee we sometimes have bills which require our actuaries to spend a considerable amount of time to figure out how much it's going to cost, and it may be that we couldn't possibly bring such a bill out, and before this time, also there is a case where we do not wish to bring it out until we have found out what the actuaries say about it, so I have to oppose this. Then another question is on this, is I read the motion and even bills that haven't been heard would be killed, so I'm wondering if the Governor would introduce a bill that hadn't been heard but assigned to a committee by that date why the Governor couldn't put a bill in, and so I question whether this is constitutional or not?

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President may I make a suggestion that might stop all the conversation on the floor here because we are never going to probably get to general file this morning if we don't look out, I wonder why we couldn't have a rule proposed so that the rules committee might hold a hearing, then all of these thoughts can come before the rules committee and maybe we can get jelled together, as a suggestion maybe someone might propose a rule change for us that would say that any bills held in committee would be held over, until the next session and that might give the committee a year to sit on that and maybe they might have a different idea whether they are going to put the bill out or kill it in committee before the next session and this might take care of it, rather than having this conversation on the floor, it's just a suggestion and if someone would propose a rule change why then we could hold this discussion at a session of the Rules Committee instead of here on the floor. The other thought I have on it is that we are not going to solve anything by setting a date up here, but if we do have something in the rules then if there becomes an emergency by 30 votes we can suspend the rules and go ahead and do the action, so that is a suggestion.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of Senator Carpenter's motion? Senator Carpenter what is your pleasure?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well the motion actually was made only for the purpose of alerting this body that as long as the bills are being introduced and the hearings are being carried on, we are only going to meet half days in consideration of bills, we are losing, not losing, we are marking off every day that we don't meet full session, full day, it means we are going to carry that many more bills over and I have no objection to carrying the bills over, and I have no objection to leaving your decision remain as you did it the other day, because you made a decision it lacked two votes in order to carry, and if this body understands I'm sure that it does, that ordinarily and almost without exception we don't meet in this body if there is any hearings during the time we are going to consider bills as a whole. We have no choice except when the ninety legislative days is up we are out of here, and I don't think anybody is going to bring us back in special session, I don't know of anybody who wants us back in special session, I have no objection to Senator Duis motion.

SPEAKER: Well now Senator, you have to let the Chair know if you are going to withdraw your motion or what you're doing here other than that we have to bring it to a vote.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is Senator Duis, is he going to follow through on the rule then?